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FOR: THIODIPROPIONIC ACID BISAMIDES AS

STABILIZERS FOR NONBLACK ELASTOMERS

Commissioner for Patents

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(b)(2)(d)

Sir:

Applicants present the instant Preliminary Amendment for entry and consideration in order to place the instant reissue application in better condition for examination on its merits and for allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

Please amend the above-identified patent, without prejudice, as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly replace patent claims 1, 2, 3 and 12 by the following claims.